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June 24, 2008

David Murphy, Superintendent
MSAD 44
21 Philbrook Street
Bethel, ME 04217

Dear Superintendent Murphy:

Thank you for your letter dated June 13, 2008 in which you provided an update on the status of the reorganization efforts of MSAD 44. I appreciate the time and leadership you have contributed thus far.

You should be aware; the Department is using student enrollment numbers as reported by school administrative units to MEDMS for October 1, 2006 as the basis for determining proposed unit size. And, as you know, the counts cannot include those of non-resident students.

I must reiterate what I said in my May 8, 2008 correspondence, if your communities do not become a member of a unit that meets the minimum student enrollment of 1,000, they will be in violation of the reorganization law and subject to the penalties as defined in the law.

To meet the November, 2008 referendum timeline requirements, please submit your complete Reorganization Plan Submittal Sheet, Reorganization Plan Cover Sheet (checklist), and Reorganization Plan no later than Friday, August 15, 2008.

In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact Ray Poulin or Norm Higgins of our Reorganization Team. They may be reached by phone at 624-6802.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan A. Gendron".

Susan A. Gendron
Commissioner of Education